

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF DR. WOLFGANG LERCHE ET AL.

FOR: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR BLACKING COMPONENTS

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

Before examining the present application, please amend the translated specification as follows: